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Greetings

In spite of major achievements in globally coordinated efforts (Millennium Development Goals and the like) during the last 15yrs- we are facing today growing challenges which threaten world order at its roots : Geopolitical mayhem all over the ME, continued instability in Ukraine and several sour points in East Asia. Repeated economic and trade&currency related crises add to the feeling of a world with no sense of direction which could further deteriorate toward political chaos, deep recessions and a lot of human suffering.

This landscape emphasise our role, world leaders and the UN, to rise to the challenge and work together proactively to secure a better future for our Nations as well as for the Children of all Nations.

Our common Vision should be to promote tolerance and mutual respect,growth and development, peace and harmony within ourselves and among ourselves.

We are living in a world of deep interdependence, no single power can deal with any major challenge on its own. A collaboration and coordinated efforts are needed, be it tough struggle against Radical Terror, Building a modern Silk Road or fighting the Climate Change. We have to relentlessly forge a Community of Nations which works together, accepting and respecting each other in spite of differences between cultures,histories, legacies and value sets. We have to learn to accept and respect the right of every nation to move forward towards the (above mentioned) common Vision expressing its Identity and Uniqueness.Nations should not patronise others or try to dictate from the outside the pace or details of a sovereign's journey through History. Dialog is constructive.

Arrogance and dictates are destructive to the trust among nations.

25 years ago upon the collapse of the Soviet Union thinkers in the West (Fukuyama and the likes) predicted The End of History, based on the assumption that the only way towards the future is the Western version of (Liberal) Capitalism. I think that now, 25 years later, looking at Singapore or China, South Korea or Kazakhstan, Russia or Hungary [you can of course change the order of countries or just call it “at least a dozen of successful nations,I proudly count Kazakhstan as one of them”EB] which prove once and again that there is more than one way to move, develop and promote a nation and its citizens towards better personal and collective future.

The differences between us, the richness of the “Gene Pool” of cultural histories should become a source of both inspiration and synergies rather than source of envy or a drive for Hegemony.

We in the RoK are working hard to move along these lines in our relations with the World as well as within the RoK. [few sentences on relations with the immediate and further neighbours.EB]. We, the RoK might be an inspiring example of religious tolerance, a living proof that human beings of different faiths CAN live together in peace and harmony. an example to be followed, I strongly believe.

At home we are acting in accordance to a far reaching National Vision [the formal Name.EB] which sees RoK within the top 30 nations on earth by all internationally recognised parameters. The Program focuses on 100 concrete, measurable targets,which will be closely monitored in moving persistently towards privatisation ,transparency and developed financial market institutions, regulation and practices.[consider adding few more elements.EB]

I've decided to emphasise a genuine commitment to nurture a culture which based on Kazakh ages-old tradition of Social Solidarity will provide all citizens with the opportunity to participate in our great National Project as well as to fulfil their own hopes and dreams.At the same time based upon the same tradition of Social Solidarity we expect all citizens and groups within the society to show Responsibility in both action and good citizenry.The People, individual citizens and especially the young generation, while expected to show solidarity and responsibility they all deserve the best opportunity to excel in our rapidly changing world.

The World is moving fast from "natural resources based" economy to a "knowledge based" economy. And I'm committed to do my best that we, the RoK, in spite of being blessed with oil and gas will be there, to welcome the "new Economy".

In Nazarbayev University in Astana and in our other leading Universities we are deploying cutting edge labs of genetic sequencing, nano materials, robotics and many other fields of Science and Engineering, combined with the best scholars we can bring from home and abroad and growing cooperation with world's leading academic institutions. All in order to create an innovative, creative ecosystem for the best and the brightest of our youngsters. This will in the long run work for the whole society as well.

Listening to many leaders here in the recent days days,I know many of us do face similar obstacles along the road. I've tried to share with all of you OUR experience and attitude.The challenges ahead are huge. For all of us, National leaders gathered here for the 2015 General Assembly of the UN, paraphrasing on US president Kennedy, I

would say: “ Think not of what the World can do for you and your nation, think of what you and your nation can do for the World”.

Thank you all and God bless you.